



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 16th day of July, 2004

Essential Air Service at

RIVERTON, WYOMING

under 49 U.S.C. 41731 *et seq.*

Served: July 21, 2004

Docket OST-2003-14536

ORDER EXTENDING SERVICE OBLIGATION

Summary

By this order, the Department of Transportation extends the service obligation of Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd. (Great Lakes), at Riverton, Wyoming, for an additional 30 days, through [August 20, 2004](#).

Background

On February 19, 2003, Great Lakes filed a 90-day notice of its intent to suspend its unsubsidized service at Riverton, effective May 20, 2003. By Order 2003-4-11, April 15, 2003, the Department prohibited Great Lakes from suspending service beyond the end of its 90-day notice period, through June 20, 2003, and requested proposals, with subsidy if necessary, from carriers interested in providing replacement service. As required by 49 U.S.C. 41734, we have extended Great Lakes' service obligation for additional 30-day periods, the latest through [July 20, 2004](#), by Order [2004-6-16](#).

Because rate negotiations had stalled, we recently reissued a Request for Proposals for four communities in Wyoming, including Riverton. (See Order 2004-2-9.) Although we have received proposals, this case will not be completed by the end of the current hold-in period. Therefore, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend Great Lakes' service obligation at Riverton for an additional 30 days, or until suitable replacement service actually begins, whichever occurs first.

This order is issued under authority assigned in 14 CFR 385.12(k)(5).

ACCORDINGLY,

1. We require Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., to maintain essential air service at Riverton, Wyoming, as specified in ordering paragraph three (3) of Order 2003-4-11, for an additional

30-day period through **August 20, 2004**, or until suitable replacement service actually begins, whichever occurs first;¹

2. We direct Great Lakes to retain all books, records, and other source and summary documentation to support subsidy claims for payment, and to preserve and maintain such documentation in a manner that readily permits its audit and examination by representatives of the Department. Such documentation shall be retained for seven years or until the Department indicates that the records may be destroyed, whichever comes first. Copies of flight logs for aircraft sold or disposed of must be retained. The carrier may forfeit its compensation for any claim that is not supported under the terms of this order;

3. Docket OST-2003-14536, will remain open until further order of the Department; and

4. We will serve a copy of this order on the Mayor and Airport Manager of Riverton, and Great Lakes Aviation.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this order under the Department's Regulations, 14 CFR 385.50, must file such petitions within ten (10) days after the date of service of this order.

This order will be effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review shall not preclude its effectiveness.

By:

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Director

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¹ In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend Great Lakes' service obligation for successive 30-day periods, as necessary, until its proposed service actually begins.